

# Rogers Park Community Council Meeting Minutes

Prepared by Mike Black

Monday April 9, 2012 – 7pm

Rogers Park Elementary School Library

Meeting convened at 7:05pm

## Community Council Officers present:

Dave Morgan, President

David Metheny, Vice President

Jim Wright, Past President

Cheryl Forrest, Treasurer

Mike Black, Secretary

Bob Churchill, FCC Representative

## Elected Officials Present:

Dick Traini

## Handouts available included:

Rogers Park Community Council Agenda for April 9, 2012; HIGHWAY Safety Improvement (HSIP) Project Northern Lights at UAA Drive Intersection Improvements; Minutes of the March 12 RPCC.

## Welcome:

Approximately 16 members of the RPCC present plus guests. No Quorum Present

## Approval of Agenda:

David Morgan presiding

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes for March 2012 RPCC meeting.

## Presentations:

John McPherson presented a overview of the Merrill Field Airport Master Plan. The Municipality of Anchorage Merrill Field Airport (MRI) is updating the Airport Master Plan (AMP). The last AMP Update for MRI was completed in July, 2000. The MOA has contracted with HDR Alaska, Inc. (HDR) to provide airport planning and engineering services in developing a master plan update for MRI.

The AMP will serve as a blueprint for airport development over the next 20 years and participation of airport users is critical in developing a plan that will position the airport to remain vibrant and successful into the future.

For more information about the AMP and to sign-up for the newsletter, view the schedule, provide feedback and contact the project team, please visit <http://www.merrillfieldmasterplan.com/>.

MRI is planning a public open house to kickoff the airport master planning process, details as follows:

**Thursday, May 10 from 6 to 8pm  
at UAA's Aviation Technology Division  
located on Merrill Field, at 2811 Merrill Field Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501**

Each of the four affected community councils will be asked to provide a representative to serve as an advisory group. May 2 will be a meeting of this group.

Next, Jedediah Smith (akjedediah@gmail.com) of Anchorage's Public Transit Advisory Board presented on the Board's effort to get public input on the community's public transportation issues. The public transit advisory board consisting of nine persons advises the assembly and the mayor. The board is intended to contribute to the long range planning of a balanced public transit system in the municipality.

Mr. Smith stated that the People Mover has currently 14 routes in the Municipality operating every hour or half hour. Their budget is currently \$21 million and ridership is up 8.5% in the last year. The Board is looking for solutions to increased ridership and the less than ideal schedule. One potentially important issues to the RPCC is the possible relocation of the Transit Center to mid town where its routes can be better operated. No particular location is currently identified in mid town.

The Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Conference Room of City Hall, except during March and April when it's held in Training Room 700. If you'd

like to present a topic of interest to the board, or contact a board member, please send your request to [HansenSA@muni.org](mailto:HansenSA@muni.org) or call 343-8213.

Next Mr. Charles Rome and Mr. John Newman presented on behalf of American Legion Post 34 and the proposals currently for the Post 34 to share a location at the current Shiners Temple on Northern Lights and Drake. The Post would maintain a full liquor license and operate from 6pm to 1am. The Post intends to be a good neighbor and therefore wanted to let the RPCC about their intentions. The American Legion Post 34 will extend the benefits of it members to offer services to the community as they have done in Fairview, such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ.

#### Assembly Report:

Assembly member Traini next discussed the current Anchorage Assembly issues. Irregularities in the recent election were of a great deal of interest. The lack of ballots was of concern to many and in certain precincts enough ballots were not provided by the Municipal Clerk's Office.

A special investigation of the voting difficulties will be initiated by the Assembly. Assembly may ask for a new election.

Waldren Lake currently owned by the Boys and Girls Club is proposed for purchase through a Legislative Appropriation of \$4million. 17 acres of ground adjacent to the Waldren Pond would be purchased and the current use of the field would remain with the Boys and Girls Club as athletic fields. Last year the appropriation was vetoed by the Governor but that was because of confusion on who would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep. The Governor has been briefed on that issue this year.

#### State Legislature Report:

Mr. Bernavides, Senator Davis's aide, provide an overview of the State Legislative issues. Review of the Capital Budget, future of KABATA and the Anchorage Port were mentioned. Also, the Anchorage Metropolitan Transportation Plan public hearing on April 10 at the Loussac Library.

#### FCC Report:

Mr. Bob Churchill briefed the Council on FCC issues. New website for the Federation will be out in May. RPCC will have access to a page on that site to keep information on the neighborhood current. Tech R Us is the firm chosen to create the site. FCC has also received presentation by Jed Smith given to the RPCC earlier and the FCC budget has been approved at the same level as last year. \

#### Election of New Officers:

Call for candidates were announced by Dave Morgan. The following individuals volunteered and were unanimously voted into the positions as indicated.

Janet Bidwell, President

David Metheny, Vice President

Iris Matthews, Secretary

Cheyrl Forrest, Treasurer.

Finally, Heather Ireland announced and handed out a flyer concerning a public open house on 16 April concerning the improvements to Northern Lights at UAA Drive Intersection.

Meeting Adjourned and next meeting on May 14.